

Doctrine of Condemnation

1. It is the will of God according to the Law that the wicked be condemned.
 - *Deuteronomy 25:1 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.*
2. If a person tries to justify himself his own mouth shall condemn him.
 - *Job 9:20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.*
 - *1 John 1: 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
3. It is not wrong to plead with God not to condemn the soul.
 - *Job 10:2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.*
4. It is possible for a person to condemn another in order to appear righteous as the friends of Job wrongly accused him of evil.
 - *Job 40:8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?*
 - *Psalms 94:21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.*
5. God will judge righteously.
 - *Psalms 37:33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.*
 - *Psalms 109:31 For he [God] shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.*
6. God will not clear the guilty.
 - *Proverbs 12:2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.*
7. The Christian can find great hope in the promise of God to help when falsely accused.

- *Isaiah 50:9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.*
 - *Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.*
8. One generation shall rise up in judgment to condemn another.
- *Matthew 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.*
 - *Matthew 12:42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*
9. Jesus was falsely condemned to death.
- *Matthew 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,*
10. There is a divine prohibition from judging and condemning others in an inappropriate manner.
- *Luke 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*
11. God the Father did not send His son into the world to condemn but to save it.
- *John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*
12. When given an opportunity to not condemn someone transparently guilty of evil Jesus did not condemn but offered infinite grace and mercy.
- *John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*
13. Following the example of Christ Paul did not condemn the saints in the city of Corinth though he did confront them with the evil in the congregation. The difference between condemnation and just criticism of pastoral and scriptural confrontation is one's spirit.
- *2 Corinthians 7:3 I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.*

14. One reason why God did not send Christ to condemn the world is because condemnation already exists as a result of the Fall and the natural conviction of the heart.
- *John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*
 - *1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*
15. There is a natural and just condemnation that takes place according to divinely ordained institutions such as when the thief was put on the cross.
- *Luke 23: 39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?*
16. It is a state of peace and contentment to live without a sense of condemnation.
- *1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*
 - *Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
17. God the Father has provided a way for any person to not come into ultimate condemnation but to pass from death unto life and that is by hearing the words of Christ and believing in Him as personal Savior.
- *John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*
18. In the divine economy the first Adam plunged all of humanity into sin and condemnation but by the Last Adam there is a free gift of salvation leading to justification or a declaration of righteousness.
- *Romans 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*
 - *Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*
 - *2 Corinthians 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.*
19. Because of redeeming grace every believer should take care how they act and what they say lest they fall into the condemnation and lose their holiness and state of sanctification.

- *James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.*

20. There is a word of terrifying warning. Not all individuals will escape condemnation. Therefore, let every person examine themselves and then ask with fear, “*Have I been ordained to condemnation?*”

- *Jude 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*